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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 6,7 and 11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,9,10,12-15 and 17-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.


Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


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Attachment(s)

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The indicated allowability of claims 1-11 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to LEE (7,075,587). Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-5, 9-10, 12-15, 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by LEE (7,075,587).

As per claim 1, Lee teaches the claimed “image display apparatus” comprising:

“means for receiving a video stream representing a series of consecutive input images, with the series of consecutive input images comprising a first image and a second image” (Lee, column 3, lines 44-48); and

“a display device for displaying a series of consecutive output images which are based on the series of consecutive input images, wherein the image display apparatus is arranged to split the consecutive input images into respective first parts and respective second parts” (Lee, column 3, lines 50-63; column 7, lines 5-20); and

“to display a first one of the output images comprising a first block of pixels corresponding to the first part of the first input image and a second block of pixels

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corresponding to the second part of the second input image” (Lee, column 3, lines 65-67); the image display apparatus further comprising: “a character analyzer designed to search for textual information in the first parts; and a comparing unit for comparing parts of the textual information with a predetermined string of characters” (Lee, the OCR program recognizes the textual information and compare it to the patterns of alphanumeric characters; column 7, lines 60-64; in equivalence to Applicant’s Textual Recognition; paragraph [0023]).

Claim 2 adds into claim 1 “the first parts correspond to respective portions of a banner” (Lee, column 4, line 52 to column 5, line 5; the auxiliary information; column 8, lines 42-62).

Claim 3 adds into claim 1 “the first parts correspond to a subtitle” (Lee, column 5, lines 38-46).

Claim 4 adds into claim 1 “user interface means to provide location information of the first parts to control splitting of the images of the series of consecutive input images” (Lee, the arrangement of the positions of the display units are controllable by user; for examples in figure 21; column 7, lines 5-20; also figure 27).

Claim 5 adds into claim 4 “a first memory device for storage of the location information” (Lee, the locations of the data which are displayed on two distinct devices 370 and 371; figure 27)

As per claim 9, Lee teaches the claimed “method of displaying a series of consecutive output images which are based on a series of consecutive input images, with the series of consecutive input images comprising a first image and a second image” comprising the steps of:

“means for receiving a video stream representing a series of consecutive input images, with the series of consecutive input images comprising a first image and a second image” (Lee, column 3, lines 44-48); and

“splitting the consecutive input images into respective first parts and respective second parts” (Lee, column 3, lines 50-63; column 7, lines 5-20); and

“displaying a first one of the output images comprising a first block of pixels corresponding to the first part of the first input image and a second block of pixels corresponding to the second part of the second input image” (Lee, column 3, lines 65-67); the image display apparatus further comprising: “searching for textual information in the first parts; and comparing parts of the textual information with a predetermined string of characters” (Lee, the OCR program recognizes the textual information and compare it to the patterns of alphanumeric characters; column 7, lines 60-64; in equivalence to Applicant’s Textual Recognition; paragraph [0023]).

Claim 10 adds into claim 9 "TV comprising the image display apparatus according to Claim 1" (Lee, column 3, lines 29-31).

As per claim 12, Lee teaches the claimed "display apparatus" comprising:
"an input configured to receive input images having corresponding first input parts and second input parts" (Lee, column 3, lines 44-48); and
"a display device configured to display output images having said corresponding first input parts and output parts" (Lee, column 3, lines 50-63);
"wherein a predetermined number of said output images have said output parts corresponding to one second input part of said second input parts so that said one second input part is constantly displayed over said predetermined number of said output images" (Lee, column 6, line 50 to column 7, line 4; the markers defines the predetermined number of image frames for displaying the text data).

Claim 13 adds into claim 12 "said corresponding first input parts and said output parts of said output images are separated by a separator, said separator being controllable by a user" (Lee, the arrangement of the positions of the display units are controllable by user; for examples in figure 21; column 7, lines 5-20; also figure 27).

Claim 14 adds into claim 12 "said corresponding first input parts and said output parts of said output images are separated by a separator, said separator being a line" (Lee, figure 21)

Claim 14 adds into claim 12 "said corresponding first input parts and said output parts of said output images are separated by a separator, said separator being a box" (Lee, figure 27)

Claim 17 adds into claim 12 "a character analyzer designed to search for textual information in the first parts; and a comparing unit for comparing parts of the textual information with a predetermined string of characters" (Lee, the OCR program recognizes the textual information and compare it to the patterns of alphanumeric characters; column 7, lines 60-64; in equivalence to Applicant's Textual Recognition; paragraph [0023]).

Claim 18 adds into claim 12 "said second input parts include a banner" (Lee, column 4, line 52 to column 5, line 5; the auxiliary information; column 8, lines 42-62).

Claim 19 adds into claim 12 "said second input parts include a subtitle" (Lee, column 5, lines 38-46).

Claim 16 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Claims 6,7, and 11 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phu K. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272 7645. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi can be reached on (571) 272 7664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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